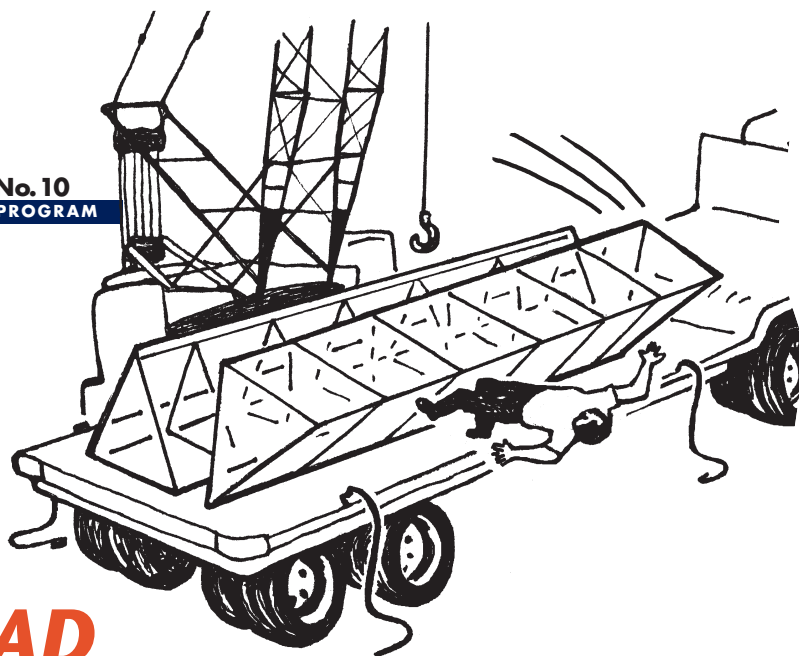




No. 10
CALIFORNIA FATALITY ASSESSMENT & CONTROL EVALUATION PROGRAM
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

CRANE OPERATOR CRUSHED!



UNSECURED LOAD FALLS DURING RIGGING

Raymond C., a 45-year-old crane operator, died while rigging a load. The tractor-trailer driver unstrapped the load to ready it for lifting. Raymond climbed onto the load during rigging and it rolled off the trailer and crushed him. The tractor-trailer driver was not at a meeting earlier that day where drivers were told that their loads had to be kept strapped until rigging was finished.

WHAT WENT WRONG?

The tractor-trailer driver unstrapped the load too soon.

The tractor-trailer driver did not know about the instruction to keep the loads strapped.

WHAT SHOULD BE DONE?

Keep unstable loads secured until rigging is finished and the load is supported by a crane.

Make sure all workers and sub-contractors are kept informed of hazards and safe work procedures.

For complete fatality reports of this case (01CA006) or other cases, and information on the California Fatality Assessment and Control Evaluation (FACE) Program, contact:

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